

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JIM PETERSON**, on April 19, 2005 at 12:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Jim Peterson, Chairman (R)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)  
Rep. Paul Clark (D)  
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)  
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)  
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Christopher Harris, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. David E. Wanzenried (D)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)

**Staff Present:** Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch  
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 33, 4/18/2005  
Executive Action: SJ 42; SJ 33

HEARING ON SJ 33

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:58      **SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2**, opened the hearing on **SJ 33**, Study types of subsurface interests that have been severed from surface interest.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:42      **REP. LAMBERT**  
00:10:31      **REP. MAEDJE**  
00:12:21      **REP. LAMBERT**  
00:14:02      **REP. HEINERT**  
00:15:00      **REP. SMALL-EASTMAN**  
00:15:54      **CHAIRMAN PETERSON**  
00:17:13      **REP. CLARK**  
00:19:01      **REP. BARRETT**

00:19:36      *REP. JOPEK left the Committee Meeting.*

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:42      **SEN. DAN WEINBERG** closed the hearing on **SJ 33**.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 42

00:21:22      Motion:    **REP. MAEDJE** moved that **SJ 42 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:21:32      **REP. FUREY**

00:21:51      Vote:    Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with **REPS. HARRIS, BIXBY, WANZENRIED, JONES** and **JOPEK** voting by proxy. **REP. PETERSON** will carry **SJ 42**.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 33

00:22:55      Motion:    **REP. GUTSCHE** moved that **SJ 33 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:23:02 REP. LAMBERT  
00:23:22 REP. ROSS  
00:24:49 REP. DICKENSON  
00:26:46 REP. SMALL-EASTMAN  
00:28:53 REP. CLARK  
00:29:48 REP. GUTSCHE  
00:30:30 REP. BROWN  
00:30:53 REP. MAEDJE  
00:31:44 REP. ROSS

00:32:24 Vote: Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with  
REPS. EVERETT, HEINERT, JONES, LAMBERT, PETERSON,  
and ROSS voting no and REPS. HARRIS, JOPEK, BIXBY,  
WANZENRIED and JONES voting by proxy. REP.  
DICKENSON will carry SJ 33.

00:33:30

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:30 P.M.

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REP. JIM PETERSON, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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